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The march to the throne has come to an end. The battle rages outside of the keep, and only one can claim its power.

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HELL
The First Realm
THIS IS NOT THE TIME TO RETREAT. WE CAN WIN THIS. WE JUST NEED MORE SOLDIERS.
THAT'S OUT OF THE QUESTION, SCION.
GIVEN EVERYTHING THAT'S HAPPENED, THERE SEEMS TO BE NO PATH FORWARD FOR CATACLYSM. WE WON'T WASTE FURTHER RESOURCES ON HIM.
LISTEN TO HER, NYX. EVEN IF SINN FALLS, CLOWN AND SPAWN HAVE ALSO BEEN SIGHTED IN HELL AND ARE ALMOST CERTAINLY ON THE WAY TO THE THRONE.
WE CANNOT STOP THEM ALL.
THERE WILL SOON BE A NEW KING OF HELL. WE MUST PREPARE OURSELVES FOR THAT REALITY.
SO, WE RUN AND HIDE?
WE BROKE CENTURIES OF NEUTRALITY, FOR WHAT? OVERT-KILL, CY-GOR, THE HEAP. THEY ALL DIED FOR NOTHING!
THEY DIED PROTECTING GREENWORLD. AS WE ALL WILL ONE DAY.
THEY WILL BE GIVEN THEIR HONOR. BUT FOR NOW, IT IS TIME TO RETURN HOME. WINTER IS IMPENDING.

SCION?
FORGIVE THE INTRUSION BUT WE RECEIVED WORD SINN IS MARCHING ON THE INFERNAL KEEP.
ALREADY?
UNFORTUNATELY, YES. HE APPEARS TO BE DIRECTING ALL HIS FORCES AT THE KEEP IN A FINAL PUSH.
HEAVEN'S ARMY IS ALSO ON THE MOVE. WE BELIEVE SINN'S ACTIONS CAUGHT THEM OFF GUARD.
THEY ARE ATTEMPTING TO CAPTURE THE THRONE ***BEFORE*** HIM. WHAT DO YOU WANT US TO DO?
ASSIGN A PARTY. THEN TAKE JIM AND THE OTHER WOUNDED BACK TO GREEN-WORLD. THOSE WANTING TO LEAVE MAY JOIN THEM.
TELL THE REST TO PREPARE.
WE'RE HEADING FOR THE KEEP.

AT THE INFERNAL KEEP, A SENSE OF DREAD HAS SET IN, A SUFFOCATING AWARENESS THAT TIME IS RUNNING OUT FOR EVERYONE.
NO ONE FEELING IT MORE ACUTELY THAN CATACLYSM.
UNFORTUNATELY, OUR TITANS FAILED TO HALT SINN'S PROGRESS.
AS PREDICTED.
OUR COMMANDERS ARE DOING THEIR BEST, BUT WE ARE SPREAD FAR TOO THIN TO DEAL WITH BOTH SINN AND HEAVEN.
WHAT REMAINS OF GREENWORLD'S FORCES WILL SURELY ARRIVE HERE SHORTLY. BUT, ON THEIR OWN, THEY WON'T BE NEARLY ENOUGH TO TURN THIS TIDE.
AS SUCH, I EXPECT OUR ENEMIES WILL REACH THE KEEP IN TWO HOURS.

"IT COULD EVEN BE SOONER. FROM WHAT'S BEEN REPORTED, SINN NO LONGER SEEMS WILLING TO SACRIFICE AS MANY OF HIS SOLDIERS TO CLEAR HIS PATH."
GIVEN EVERYTHING, I FEAR THERE WILL BE NO GOOD ENDING.
THOUGH OF COURSE, WE STILL HAVE TIME TO EVACUATE YOU IF WE MOVE QUICKLY.
TO WHAT PURPOSE?
WHAT KIND OF EXISTENCE WOULD THAT BE, LIVING OUT ETERNITY AS A COWARD.
NO.
ONE WAY OR THE OTHER, THIS WILL END ON THE BATTLEFIELD.

THE GENERAL'S ESTIMATE PROVES TO BE OPTIMISTIC; SINN'S ARMY ARRIVES LESS THAN AN HOUR LATER.
THEN, RAPIDLY, ONE BY ONE, THE WAR'S VARIOUS FACTIONS ALL BEGIN CONVERGING ON THE KEEP.
AS IF THE THRONE ITSELF IS EXERTING AN ALMOST MAGNETIC PULL.
ENSURING ALL WILL BEAR WITNESS TO THE ASCENSION OF HELL'S NEW RULER.

OUR AERIAL ASSAULTS ARE PROVING TO BE INEFFECTIVE.
WE SHOULD *SWITCH* OUR FOCUS TO GREENWORLD. THEIR LINES ARE WEAK. IF WE CONCENTRATE OUR ATTENTION THERE, WE CAN BREAK THROUGH.
RAPTURE. WE'RE OUTMATCHED, WE MUST RETREAT.
NEVER. WE PRESS FORWARD.
WE SHOULD'VE NEVER EMBARKED ON THIS CAMPAIGN. YOU'LL GET US ALL **KILLED!**
WE TURN BACK NOW, THERE WON'T BE *ANOTHER* CHANCE TO TAKE CONTROL OF IT.
THEN WHY DON'T YOU GET OUT THERE AND FIGHT?!? INSTEAD OF LETTING EVERYONE ELSE--
CRAK
WE PRESS FORWARD. REINFORCEMENTS WILL BE HERE SOON.

OH, I WOULDN'T BE SO SURE OF THAT.
YOUR GUYS ARE A BIT PREOCCUPIED RIGHT NOW.
DESPITE THESE LONG GRUELING MONTHS IN HELL, RAPTURE HAS ALWAYS MAINTAINED AN UNSHAKEABLE BELIEF HEAVEN WOULD ULTIMATELY TRIUMPH.
IT'S ONLY NOW, AS CLOWN'S SOLDIERS LOOM OVER HIM, THAT HIS BELIEF BEGINS TO FALTER FOR THE FIRST TIME AS HE SEES WHAT ALL HIS GENERALS HAVE KNOWN FOR WEEKS.
THAT HIS CAMPAIGN IS DOOMED.
AND HE HAS LED HIS ARMY TO RUIN.

FOOM
OLD MAN...
SO, THE PRETENDER SHOWS HIS FACE AT LAST.
PREPARE TO DIE.
OR HAVE YOU JUST RUN OUT OF SONS TO HIDE BEHIND?

SLASH
THUNK
YOU'VE FAILED! LOOK AROUND!
HELL'S IN DISARRAY! WITH HEAVEN STAINING OUR SOIL!

ALL
BECAUSE OF YOUR
WEAKNESS!

But another contender has just arrived
We're here.*
*See how in King Spawn #29-30 — Thomas
My god.
It's worse than I imagined.
Can you still do anything?
Yes...

...BUT I DON'T THINK THERE'S MUCH *TIME* LEFT.

OR PERHAPS IT'S *ALREADY* **TOO LATE!**

I HAVE TO GO.

I KNOW.

WHEN THIS IS OVER, I'LL COME FIND YOU.

AL, WAIT! BEFORE YOU GO...

SHE WHISPERS A FEW WORDS TO HIM. PRIVATE WORDS.

THEN MOMENTS LATER. HE'S GONE.

WANDA WATCHES HIM DISAPPEAR INTO THE SLAUGHTER, HOPING SHE HASN'T MADE AN ENORMOUS MISTAKE.

FOR EVERYONE'S SAKE

YOU BETRAYED US!
IF YOU TRULY CARED ABOUT HELL, YOU'D HAVE STEPPED ASIDE *THE MOMENT* HEAVEN INVADED.
SHAP
YOUR EGO HAS COMPROMISED EVERYTHING!
THAT'S WHY I'M HERE!
SO I CAN SAVE HELL!

BEING BELITTLED BY A HUMAN IS SOMETHING CATALYSM WON'T TOLERATE
SINN FEELS EXACTLY THE SAME
ENOUGH OF THIS.
THOOM

BEFORE, I MERELY PLANNED TO HANG YOUR CORPSE UP ON THE KEEP'S WALLS. BUT FOR WHAT YOU DID TO CADICLUS, YOU DESERVE TO SUFFER MORE.
SO, EVERY DAY I SIT ON THE THRONE, I WILL USE ITS POWER TO BRING YOU AND YOUR SON BACK TO LIFE.
THEN EVERY DAY, YOU'LL WATCH YOUR SON DIE AGAIN AND AGAIN.
IN THE MOST EXTREME TORTURES POSSIBLE!
I WILL SHOW YOU HOW A TRUE KING RULES HELL.

BEHOLD, WARRIORS!
THE PRETENDER IS DEAD!
ALL HAIL SINN, THE TRUE KING OF HELL!
THE THRONE IS MINE!

NEXT ISSUE: THE DECISIVE CONCLUSION IN THE HISTORIC SPAWN 350..!!

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SPAWNING GROUND PRESENTS: MAILBAG

Hi! I'm so excited about the new Spawn comic book. Here's my vision of him.

-ALEXANDER G.

Alexander, thank you for sharing this awesome piece of art of the main character from RAT CITY! This is one of the new books coming out in 2024 that I am most excited about. More details about this character and the story itself will be shown in the next few months. Keep an eye out!

-THOMAS

Hey Thomas. Jet was deciding between 3 fan art pieces to submit for this month, and he went with the classic, original Spawn:

He put special attention into the cape, referencing Todd's art for both Spawn and the famous Batman 423 cover (Jet learned from Todd to hide anatomy with capes for certain moments), as well as the Spawn movie (which is only a tad bit scary that my 9-year-old remembers every scene in that film so vividly). He's also been studying variations of Spawn's face, and this may appear in a Spawn fan comic strip he is dreaming up for you guys. Thanks for all that you and the team do to put out the best comics in the industry.

-JAN L.

Jan! It's great to hear from you and Jet, as always. This is another excellent piece from a future Spawn cover artist! Thanks again for sharing, and I look forward to seeing more in 2024!

-THOMAS

Here is my 3rd-grade school photo from out here in Arizona. I was a huge Spawn fan (clearly), and my dad and I always got the new issue at our local Smith's grocery store. The yearly school photo at school was bring your hobby day, and no one decided to check my backpack when I left that morning, and this is the result. My parents were really not thrilled about it at the time, but now they love it.

-PRISMATIC LION

Man, I'm not going to lie here. This is one of my favorite letters for the Spawning Ground that I have ever gotten. This picture is brilliant! I can, however, see why your parents were a tad upset. Thank you for sharing this. You can show them this comic and let them know it was all worth it.

-THOMAS

Do you have a question or comment about Spawn? If so, e-mail it to us at: **spawninggground@mcfarlane.com**

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